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I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to express myself concerning SB 445, and HB5416 concerning puppy mills and the use of gestation crates. I support the goals of the Task Force in regards to preventing dogs from being bred and sold thru inhumane puppy mills. There should be laws passed and enforced that hold breeders and sellers of dogs in our state, to basic humane standards in the breeding, handling, and sales of these animals. In regards to HB 5416 please support only section two of this bill which outlaws gestation crates. These are extremely cruel and inhumane cages that have already been outlawed in a number of states.

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to testify on these matters that are important to all who believe in the ethical and humane treatment of animals.

Sincerely,

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